

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-15, 31-58, 61-66 and 69-72 are pending in this application. All of the pending claims have been allowed by the Notice of Allowance mailed September 22, 2005.

By this amendment, claims 2, 5, 6, 34, 47, 58 and 66 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 7, 9, 10, 31, 37, 38, 44, 48-51, 57, 61, 63, 65, 69 and 71 are amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitations of claims 2, 5 and 6 which were cancelled by this amendment (i.e., the control unit activates the optical blur correction unit in response to the switching to the ON state by the display ON/OFF switch unit, and deactivates the optical blur correction unit in response to the switching to the OFF state by the display ON/OFF switch unit, the optical blur correction unit is activated, after the operation unit is activated, in response to the switching to the OFF state by the display ON/OFF switch unit, and the operation unit designates preparation for photographing in response to an operation of a first stage and designates start of photographing in response to an operation of a second stage). Other independent claim (i.e., claims 31, 44, 57, 61, 63, 65, 69 and 71) have been amended in similar manner to amended claim 1.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants concurrently file herewith an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) listing several references. Applicants respectfully submit that none of the references cited in the accompanying IDS shows or suggests the inventive aspects of the present invention as recited in the pending claims.

Accordingly, all of the pending claims including the amended claims are believed to be allowable for at least the similar reasons as in the Notice of Allowance.

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION

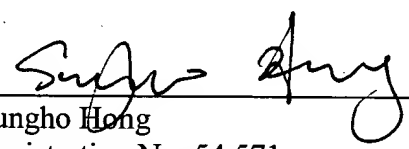
No petitions or additional fees are believed due for this amendment and/or any accompanying submissions. However, to the extent that any additional fees and/or petition is required, including a petition for extension of time, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to grant such petition, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including any fees which may be required for such petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4679). A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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